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Application of Rae Ellen Syverson, et al. Art Unit: 1615  
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COMPOSITIONS IN NON-ABSORBENT ARTICLES  
Examiner Lakshmi Channavajjala

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**LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
SIR/MADAM:

In response to the Office action dated July 25, 2007,  
please consider the following remarks and arguments set forth in  
this Letter To Patent And Trademark Office.

**REMARKS**

No claims have been amended herein. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and  
14-25 will be pending upon entry of this Letter To Patent And  
Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request  
reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

1. Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6-9 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-4  
and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over  
Robbins et al. (J. Clin. Microbiol. 1987) and Lambert (J.  
Applied Microbiol.) in view of D' Augustine et al. (U.S.